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#### **OUR MEETING IS ON SATURDAY 11 TO 1 (ROOM TO BE POSTED)**

Swaps dates not scheduled yet - you will be informed when the dates become available.



#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2022! Let's hope that this new year is a major advancement toward a COVID-19 free Maryland. At least maybe the pandemic will be under better control. I certainly hope so!

We had a very good meeting at the November 2021 Whitman Coin Show. It was very good to see many of you again after such a long hiatus. We got caught up on a lot of old Maryland Token and Medal Society business as well as reenergizing some of our collecting interests.

I need to make the usual reminder that if you have not yet paid your 2022 dues, you need to get your payment in, as the old dues year ends on 31 March 2022. If you want to continue to receive your MD TAMS Journal, you must pay your dues. In case you have not noticed, our recent Journals have been exceptional. Jane has done a super job and they are full of great hobby information. She has recently done a lot of work on trying to identify and do write-ups on many Maryland mavericks.

Please do not forget that the Whitman shows always result in several national token and medal dealers coming to Baltimore to set up. If you need hobby supplies, there is a supply dealer there too. If you need numismatic or exonumia related books, Charles Davis is regularly set up too. Also, do not forget that our host, Whitman Publishing Co., sells both new books and supplies.

MD TAMS is planning on a great year in 2022. We should have three Whitman Show meetings and two Swap Meets this year. Hope to see you at these functions. Also, we can always use articles for the Journal. Stay safe, healthy and warm.

As I write this, our Treasurer, Bill is in the hospital. MD TAMS sent him a card wishing him a quick recovery and we certainly hope he returns Stratemeyer to action as soon as possible. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Ed Craig, President

## FROM YOUR EDITOR



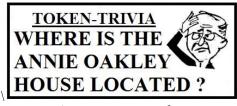
Hello Fellow Members

Hello and welcome to the New Year 2022 the year of the Water Tiger. Hope you all had a safe 2021. Thank GOD it is behind us. Hopefully this coming year will see all in good health and active in our hobby. I like to thank all those that sent in articles for this journal. Always articles are welcome by this editor.

Remember to pay your dues! They are due by March 31, 2022. Remember the new address change.

Jane





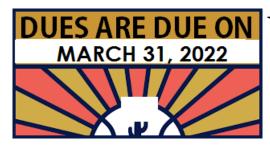
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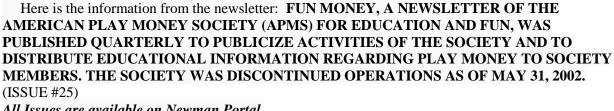
Our Treasurer, Bill Stratemeyer is in the hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Lets wish him a quick recovery.

#### A FELLOW COLLECTOR DIES

Anyone who was around over 20 years ago would remember our East Coast contingent meeting of the American Play Money Society (APMS) on June 12, 1999. Held at the Baltimore Convention Center the same day as our annual meeting. We had a great many members attending the meeting which was more of a social gathering than a

I was just informed that the founder of APMS Jack Phillips died on July 20, 2021 (my birthday). This information is from his daughter. Jack can be remembered with a visit to his websites at https://japhillips.com/jack/military/ and at www.34tfsthuds.us. Funeral services were held November 8, 2021 at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Jack put out a newsletter with many members writing articles four times a year.



All Issues are available on Newman Portal.

While researching information about Jack Obituary, I came across this site which has the complete "Play Money of American Children" by Richard and Wendy Clothier which is FREE https://rfc33.tripod.com/





# HARMONIE



by Jane Sears LM12



reverse

obv: HARMONIE / 5

rev: 5 in rays

round brass 22mm UNLISTED

obv: HARMONIE CAFÉ / HIGHLANDTOWN.

rev: :

round aluminum 24mm C5 HIGHLANDTOWN (BALTIMORE CITY) 420

obverse



Obverse Reverse

obv: HARMONIE CLUB. / 10 / OF HIGHLANDTOWN, (incuse)

rev: blank

round brass 22mm **H5** HIGHLANDTOWN (BALTIMORE CITY) 420 "Maryland Merchant Tokens - MD TAMS - David E. Schenkman 1986"

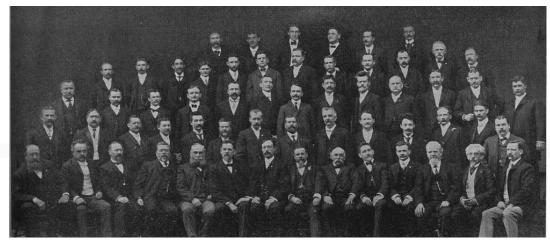
thanks Ed & Rich

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The Harmonie Singing Society was founded July 4, 1853, by 16 gentlemen who withdrew from the choir of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on Hamburg and Hanover Sts. They organized the Harmonie Maennerchor during their first year where they met at Wacker's School House. In the following year they moved to Bersick's Hall, Sharp and Montgomery Streets and in 1857 went to Linhard's Hall, West Pratt Street. They suspended rehearsals from October 1961 to January 1863. With the growing of their society in 1874 they moved to their next location I Stag Hall. The colors of the Society were red, black & gold. In 1881 the society established their Ladies auxiliary. The society was incorporated in 1892.

HARMONIE, 414 W. Fayette st., THURSDAY, July 20, 8 P. M., Grand Summer Garden Concert. All passive members are invited. j19-2t

July 20, 1893



-Harmonie Singing Society 1903-German Marylander

The society's building companies next project was to purchase a building at 414 w. Fayette St. near Paca St. and rent it back to the society. Their new club house was a 3 story brick building. The first floor contained a reception room, reading room and dining rooms. The 2<sup>nd</sup> story contained a ladies parlor and reception room and committee rooms. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor had a music room where rehearsals were to be held. A beautiful garden in the rear of the clubhouse was used for functions. The number 1853 was carved over the front door to represent the date that they were founded. The purpose of the organization was for the mutual improvement of local music. They had a song dedicated to them written by Otto Hamberger called "Harmonie March". They called the building the Harmonie Concert Hall which every night served food in their restaurant & cabaret with dancing. The society remained there until 1905, when the premises were rented to the Gottlieg, Bauernschmidt, Strauss Brewing Company. In1911, the brewing company agreed to lease the third floor back to the Singing Society. The Harmonie Singing Society disbanded sometime after 1957 due to declining membership.

#### Reference:

Baltimore City Directories & newspapers



## WHITE ARROW COFFEE POT

by Jane Sears LM12





obverse

10,001,50

Obv: WHITE / - / ARROW / --- / COFFEE / - / POT

Rev: 5 / CENTS

round aluminum 25mm

thanks Ed

White Arrow Coffee Pot was a Washington (D. C.) chain restaurant that leased stores at 1423 North Charles Street and 304 West Franklin Street in Baltimore. The first Baltimore advertisement for the restaurant was on February 14, 1929. Peter Ottenstein was president of the company and there were a number of restaurants in Washington and later they opened the ones in Baltimore.

The White Arrow Coffee Pot Restaurant sold shares of stock listed in the March 2, 1929 Delaware newspaper. On March 4, 1929 they chartered a new corporation in Dover Delaware as restaurant, keepers, and caterers.

In the 1938 Baltimore Telephone Book, it listed the White Arrow Coffee Pot Restaurant office and restaurant at 1900 Edmondson Ave. Also listed were ones at 3200 Greenmount Ave., 2503 Pennsylvania Ave. and 1423 North Charles Street. In 1939 the listing is North and Linden Aves. No further listing is found after that date. The White Coffee Pot restaurant took over the North Charles Street and West Franklin Street in 1932 and in the late 1930s they took over the locations of Edmondson and Linden Ave.

# APOLLO GARDENS

by Jane Sears LM12



Obv: APOLLO GARDENS (all incuse)

Rev: 5 (incuse)

round brass 29mm A656-5

"MARYLAND UNLISTED MERCHANT TOKENS" 2009



Obv: ★ APOLLO ★ / GARDEN. (counterstamped C. O. / star)

Rev: 5 (within wreath; star at top) round brass 21mm

The Apollo Garden, which was located at 561 W. Baltimore Street, operated during the late 1870s and early 1880s. A specimen of this token has been seen with a letter "C" counterstamped in the center of the obverse.

brass nickel plated

"Maryland Merchant Tokens – MD TAMS- David E. Schenkman 1986"

thanks Ed & Rich

In 1871, F. Hasselhorst was proprietor of the Apollo Garden when he planned it as a fashionable Summer Resort. It was located at 501 W. Baltimore St. at the corner of Pine St. In 1880, Christian Otto took over the Gardens. In 1887, the address was changed to 681 W. Baltimore St. (Baltimore address change). In 1887, Otto advertised the Apollo Gardens for sale and the ad ran for 2 years. The items for sale were the business, wine, whisky, brandy, gin, rum, 60 bar tables that were round and square, 175 oak & painted chairs, 3 pool, tables, grand piano, large bar buffet, oyster bar and bar counter.

Rr. 501, Weft-Baltimore Strafe, 501. Brof. Binter's Muffcorps Bu gabireichem Bejuche labet ergebenft ein Mai23,320te)

Der Deutsche Correspondent -Baltimore, MD July 9, 1870

Apollo=Garten. Sr. F. Saffelhorft, Ar. 501, West-Baltimore-, Ede der Binestr., hat seinen hübschen Garten für die Sommersaison wieder eröffnet und durch äußerst gesschmackvolle Ausstattung desselben den freundlichen und einladenden Charatter seines Erablissements zu erhöhen sich bestrebt. Nach wie vor wird das delitate Lagerbier aus Schaller & Gerke's Brauerei, Cincinnati, credenzt, und ist Borkehrung getrossen worden, daß der "edle Stoff" nicht ausgeht. Jeden Montag und Samstag Abend als Extra-Augabe sür die Besucher Harmonie-Russt, ausgesührt von Capt. Winter's "öth Regimental Band." Binter's "5th Regimental Band."

> Der Deutsche Correspondent -Baltimore, MD July 27, 1872

### ANNIE OAKLEY ----- A MARYLANDER

#### ED CRAIG LM-22

The Wild West Sharpshooter that we have known via books and movies was born on 13 August 1860 in Ohio and her birth name was Phoebe Ann Mosey. In order to get food for her poor family, she learned to shoot at a very early age. When she was only 15 years old, she won a shooting competition whose participants included a well known marksman, Frank E. Butler. She later married Frank and the two marksmen joined Buffalo Bill in 1885 as part of his world famous Wild West Show that traveled throughout Europe and the United States.

They performed before heads of state and other royalty. She astounded folks when she would shoot a cigar from Frank's mouth. She also would shoot a playing card that was thin edge toward her and she would split the card. Only Buffalo Bill himself made more money from the show. She was the show's star.

In 1901, she was in a bad accident and had to decrease her performances. She then began training other women in marksmanship. She also performed in a stage play tour written about her. Ironically, a more modern play & film portrayed her: "Annie Get Your Gun".

Annie early on in her career picked Oakley as her stage name because she and her husband Frank Butler lived in a Cincinnati, OH neighborhood called Oakley. From 1892 to 1904, the Butlers lived in New Jersey. According to Wikipedia, "In 1912, the Butlers built a brick bungalow style home in *Cambridge, Maryland*. It is known as the Annie Oakley House and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1996. In 1917, they moved to North Carolina and returned to public life.

While working in Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show, she performed before England's Queen Victoria, King Umberto I of Italy, President Carnot of France and at his request, she shot the ashes off of a cigarette held by Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany. Oakley, who was only five feet tall was given the name of "Watanya Cicilla" (Little Sure Shot) by her fellow Wild West show performer, Chief Sitting Bull.

When it looked like the United States was going to go to war with Spain, Oakley wrote to President William McKinley in 1898 proposing that she provide a group of 50 trained women marksmen to serve in combat. The group was to provide their own weapons and ammunition. Although the Spanish-American war did occur, McKinley did not accept her offer. Wikipedia notes that "Throughout her career, it is believed that Oakley taught more than 15,000 women how to use a gun. Oakley believed strongly that it was crucial for women to learn how to use a gun, as not only a form of physical and mental exercise, but also to defend themselves."

In her later years, she kept up her shooting as well as setting shooting records. She hit 100 clay targets in a row from 16 yards at age 62 in a 1922 shooting contest. After recovering from a car accident later in 1922, she set more records in 1924 but her health deteriorated in 1925 and she died on 3 November 1926 at the age of 66. Frank died 18 days later and both are buried in Greenville, OH.

Below, you will see a commemorative poker chip remembering her career.



OBV: (Picture of Oakley wearing her shooting medals) / ANNIE OAKLEY

REV: ANNIE OAKLEY / "AMERICAN SHARPSHOOTER" / BORN: AUGUST 13, 1860 / DRAKE COUNTY, OHIO /

DIED NOVEMBER 3, 1926 / STARRED IN BUFFALO BILL'S / WILD WEST SHOW

Chip is 40mm, White with four pairs of Green marks on the edge.

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# JOEL HARRIS

by Jane Sears LM12



obv: JOE HARRIS / DUNDALK / MD (misspelled in the MD Merchant Book should be JOEL) rev: 5

20mm round aluminum **H5** DUNDALK (BALTIMORE CO.) 310

"Maryland Merchant Tokens – MD TAMS – David E. Schenkman 1986"

thanks Ed

Joel C. Harris was born about 1890 in North Carolina. He was a black man who worked in the blast furnace foundry (probably Bethlehem steel mill). Joel lived at Willow Spring Road in Dundalk, MD with his wife, daughter and mother in law. The January 16, 1932 news paper clip tells the story of a robbery of Joel Harris's store in Turners Station. I haven't found any other mention of Joel's store in the directories or census. I have him in the 1940 Baltimore census where he is 50 years old and the 1941-42 Telephone book lists him at Willow Spring Rd, with the telephone number of Dundalk 71. After 1943 I have nothing else on him

**Turners Station** - a middle-class black community that dates back to the late 1888s. It was once a farm owned by J. M. Turner as early as 1877. In the early 1880s the Pittsburgh Steel Co. built a steel plant on the land known as Sparrows Point. The Plant was bought by the Maryland Steel Co. which was later changed to Bethlehem Steel. Mr. Turner sold a portion of the land to The Sparrows Point Railroad Co. which erected a station and named it Turner. The steel company erected homes in Dundalk for the white employees and the African-Americans migrated to Turners Station and established a self-sustaining community with housing and local businesses. By the 1960-70 time frame, the population of Turners Station dropped to 50%. Plans are underway to revive the African-American neighborhood today.

References:

Baltimore Telephone books 1930 & 1940 Baltimore Census Baltimore newspaper Dundalk Patapsco Neck Historical Society & Museum, Inc.

#### Turners Station Store Ransacked By Thieves

Boy Calls Police By Phone, But Robbers Escape Before Arrival Of Officers

Watched by three boys across the street, two thieves last night ransacked the store of Joel Harris, Turners Station, escaping with a few pennies and some articles of merchandise before the arrival of the police.

Jesse Martin, one of the boys, went to a nearby telephone and called Patrolman A. Channell, Dundalk. The other two, Lawrence Epperson and Andrew Williams, Negro, continued to watch the thieves.

The theft occurred about 9.30 o'clock while most of the people of Turners Station were at an open-air show.

> January 16, 1932 Baltimore Sun

# SPOT BAR-B-Q

by Jane Sears LM12



reverse

obverse

obv: SPOT BAR-B-Q / 10c / PENNA. AT McMECHEN rev: GOOD FOR / 10¢ / -IN- / MERCHANDISE

round brass 26mm

The Spot Bar was opened during the 1940s. S326

"Maryland Merchant Tokens – MD TAMS – David E. Schenkman 1986"

thanks Ed & RE

The Spot Bar-B-Q started in 1937 and was owned by Harry Cole. This restaurant was located at 1528 Pennsylvania Avenue and operated until 1952 when Irving Gisner became co-owner. The name was changed to The Spot Bar and expanded to included 1528-30. The Spot Bar continued until April 1973 when the restaurant was auctioned off. This included the contents of the bar & restaurant interior. A 7 Day Whiskey Wine and Beer License was also available. The building was eventually demolished. I have not found any listing for the Paradise Room in any of my references. It was is probably a purpose special room.

SANDWICH MAN (white), experienced; night work. \$18 per week. Spot Bar B-Q, 1528 Penna. ave.

1937 Baltimore Sun

# SPOT BAR



obverse

reverse

obv: GOOD LUCK-SPOT BAR / 25¢ / 1500 PENNA. AVE. / BALTO., MD.

rev: GOOD FOR / 25¢ / IN MERCHANDISE

round brass 32mm S325

"Maryland Merchant Tokens – MD TAMS – David E. Schenkman 1986"



BARMAID-Short hrs. Good pay. Spot Bar, 1530 Penna. Ave.

28 JUL 1968 Baltimore Sun

## PARADISE ROOM



obverse reverse

obv: 1530 PENN. AVE. / BALTO., MD. / ULTRA / MODERN

rev: MEMBER / SPOT / PARADISE / ROOM round brass 32mm holed at top

round brass 32mm holed at top thanks Ed

**Note:** The Spot Bar was listed in the "Green Book" for black travelers to find safe and welcome business that serviced their needs. The travel guide was published from 1936 to 1966. The reference "Green Book" was recently made into a movie in 2018.

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#### References:

The Architecture of the Negro Traveler's Green Book Baltimore Newspaper Baltimore Telephone Directories

1959

#### SPHINX CLUB BALTIMORE TOKEN

ED CRAIG LM-22

The Sphinx Club in Baltimore, founded by Charles Phillip Tilghman, operated on Pennsylvania Avenue from 1946-1992. The way the club was run and its members only status made it a desirable venue for members and entertainers alike. The building in its day was quite a source of African-American entertainment. Tilghman died in 1988, but the club survived for another four years. The possibility exists that some local, community redevelopment will see this building and its former music and entertainment reborn.

One internet source states that "the Druid Heights Community Development Corporation is seeking to change that. In 2011, the Druid Heights CDC announced their plans to turn the building and an adjoining property into the Negro Baseball Museum and Restaurant - bringing new jobs and visitors to Avenue again." Below you can see a picture of the Sphinx Club after it was closed in 1992. The building was painted red after its closure. The adjacent building is also part of

the planned area redevelopment.



Light and music once poured out the windows and door of the Sphinx Club on Pennsylvania Avenue but only club members (and musicians) could get inside to enjoy the drinks and entertainment. Today, the building sits boarded-up and waiting on a planned redevelopment to bring back music and life to the block.

In December 2002, Seventy-three-year-old jazz singer and educator Ruby Glover gave a tour of the Avenue to a *Baltimore Sun* reporter who lamented the sight of the Sphinx Club sitting vacant. "It was always kept so well. Tilghman must be turning over in his grave." Charles Phillip Tilghman founded the club in 1946 and ran the business as an elegant private club up until his death in 1988. Tilghman recruited Furman L. Templeton, director of the Baltimore Urban League (with offices nearby at 1841 Pennsylvania Avenue), to chair of the club's advisory board. Ruby Glover recalled how musicians always went to the Sphinx Club right after nearby jazz venues, including Club Tijuana on Clifton Avenue, Red Fox on Fulton Avenue, and The Comedy Club and The Ubangi Club on Pennsylvania Avenue, closed for the night.

The token that I found is octagonal, red fiber, with beaded boarder and 26 mm.

OBV: SPHINX / CLUB REV: (BLANK)



It is my best guess that this token is from the Sphinx Club in Baltimore. The NTCA Tokencatalog data base lists the token but it is unattributed. There was a Sphinx Club at the Hogwarts University in the Harry Potter movies and books but I am sure this was not where the token was used (LOL). There is also a Sphinx Club in Raleigh, NC but it appears to be very modern and not a likely source of the token in question. My bet is that it is a Baltimore token. What do you think?

If you are interested in learning more about the club, you can visit the Baltimore Heritage website below to see some history and a short video tour of the club. Thanks to Jane Sears for helping me with the photos.

https://explore.baltimoreheritage.org/items/show/578

**EDITOR NOTE:** This club was also listed in "The Green Book"

#### THE SMITH FAMILY ON SPESUTIE ISLAND

#### By Bernie Bodt R-282

The original of this article was published in the MDTAMS Journal, Winter 2006. Since that time additional tokens have been located and have been added to this article in red.

Spesutie Island, pronounced locally as spes-sú-sie, is a 1500-acre island in the Upper Chesapeake Bay separated from the mainland of Harford County by approximately ¼ mile, and is now a part of the U.S. Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground. The island's name is a combination of the Latin word for hope *spes* and the original owner's name Nathaniel Utie. At times the spelling Spesutia has been used. There is a road located in Perryman, MD to the southeast of Aberdeen named Spesutia Church Road. This alternative spelling was used on the first token show below.

In 1802 the island was sold to Col. William Smith, and the Smith family continued to live there for the next 100 years. Upon William Smith's death, Robert Smith continued to use the island as a hunting preserve. Throughout their ownership, the Smith family rented their lands on the island to various tenant farmers who grew corn and tomatoes for processing in the Smith's cannery.

Needless to say, operation of this enterprise was difficult, since there was no electricity, telephones, or automobiles on the island. All materials brought to the island and leaving had to be transported on a ferry, one of the earliest in Maryland, using a rope and pulley system.

The Smith family finally sold the island in 1900, thus ending their century ownership of this property.

The island remained in private possession until the U. S. Government acquired it in 1945. Eventually the government constructed a causeway joining the northern end of the island to the mainland.

The tokens attributed to Robert Hall Smith in the author's collection are as follows:

SMITH BROS. / SPESUTIA / ISLAND / MD. (incuse)
 (incuse)
 Red fibre, 24 mm (Schenkman #880 S5-3)



2) SMITH BROS. / SPESUTIA / ISLAND / MD. (incuse) 25 (incuse) brass, 20 mm (Schenkman #880 S5-25)



SMITH BROS. / SPESUTIA / ISLAND / MD. (incuse)
 fo (incuse)
 brass, 24 mm (Schenkman #880 S5-50)



4) SMITH BROS. / SPESUTIA / ISLAND / MD. (incuse)
1.00 (incuse)
brass, 29 mm (Schenkman #880 S5-100)



5) SMITH BROS. / SPESUTIA / ISLAND / MD. (incuse)
5.00 (incuse)
brass, 25 mm, octagon, small dot edge (Schenkman #880 S5-500)



6) SMITH BROS. / SPESUTIA ISLAND / MD. (incuse) 20.00 (incuse) brass, 36 mm



7) R. H. S. / S. I. (incuse) 25 (incuse) brass, 18 mm



8) R. H. S. / S. I. (incuse) 50 (incuse) brass, 24 mm, reeded edge



9) R. H. S. / S. I. (incuse) 1.00 (incuse) brass, 24 mm, reeded edge



10) R. H. S / S. I. (incuse) 10.00 (incuse) brass, 25 mm, reeded edge (Schenkman #880 S10)



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#### MD TAMS MAVERICKS INDENTIFIED-5



by Jane Sears LM12

Continuing cataloguing of Maryland indentified tokens listed in the following references:

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#### MARYLAND UNLISTED MERCHANT TOKENS" 2009

#### BALTIMORE 60 G122-1

obv; J. CROSS / 1 / GENERAL MERCHANDISE

rev: GOOD FOR / 1 / IN MERCHANDIS

round brass 19mm

Attributed to Balto. - Operated circa 1918.

1900 The J. Gross & Co. (Jacob Gross – clothing store) Cumberland, MD

#### BALTIMORE 60 **C200-15**

obv: CONCORDIA (15 (denomination incuse) / JOHN LORZ

rev: 15 (incuse within a wreath)

round brass 21mm

Concordia Opera House Hall - Mr. John Lotz was in charge of the bar room. Lorz's Hall 2 South Frederick St. 1870-80's

#### BALTIMORE 60 I-10

obv: HABICHT'S / \* CAFÉ\* / \* 2144 \* / HARFORD / AVE.

rev: GOOD FOR / 5 / IN TRADE

round brass 25mm

Frank Curreri ran his café from 1933 to 1943 at 2142-2144 Harford Ave. at 2 story bldg with store front.

#### BALTIMORE 60 **R193-25**

obv: GOOD AT / THE / ROYAL

rev: 25 in cirle of rays round brasss 24mm

obv: THE ROYAL / BALTO / MD / 420 MYRTLE AVE.

rev: GOOD FOR /5¢/IN MERCHANDISE

round aluminum 20mm UNLISTED TC-447656

Café and restaurant listed in 1935 and again in 1996 as a jazz club and restaurant.

#### BALTIMORE 60 (Essex, BC) B5-5

obv: P. BUEDEL / CAFÉ / ESSEX / MD.

rev: good for / 5 / IN TRADE round brass XX mm

1942-1952 313 Eastern Ave and Riverside Drive

#### TOWSON (Baltimore Co) 1000 (old number 900) P5-5

obv: PENN HOTEL 5

rev: 5 (with cents across 5 in a ribbon)

round aluminum 24mm

Originally build as a home in 1870 which was sold in 1926 and converted to a hotel. It wasn't really a hotel where a person could sleep for the night. It has a first floor divided into a small waiting area, 2 bars and 2 dining rooms. It was located at 15 West Pennsylvania Ave, Towson and was called Bernie Lee's Penn Hotel and shorten to "Penn Hotel" Demolition in 1989 took the building down to build the now Towson Commons shopping area.

#### 1992-3 JOURNAL MAVERICK LISTINGS

**MD TAMS 364** obv: V. F. W. / 482

rev: blank

round 39mm blue plastic

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 482 is located at 2601 Ritchie Road, Forestville, Prince George's Co, MD. TC-70319

MD TAMS 424 obv: RAHLL'S / 2410 / GARRETT / AVE.

rev: GOOD FOR / 5 / -IN- / MERCHANDISE

round brass 22mm

John & Carrie R. Rahll ran Rahll's Cafe at 2510 Garrett Ave. (I think the token had an error because the directories listed it as 2510 Garrett Ave, twice). They got liquor licenses from 1940 to 1946. John was also listed with the Rahll's Café at 2001 East Fayette St.

#### MARYLAND MERCHANT TOKENS - MD TAMS - DAVID E. SCHENKMAN 1986

BALTIMORE **H155** obv: HOLLEXY / ★ CAFE ★

rev: 5 (within circle of rays) round brass 22mm

H156 oby: HOLLEXY'S / CAFÉ

rev: ★ GOOD FOR ★ / 5¢ / DRINK

round aluminum 24mm

Circa 1920 George Hollexy's establishment was located at 2248 Wilkens Ave.

George Hollexy (1868-1942) ran his tavern from 1911 to 1919. It was located at 2200 Wilkens Avenue and in 1919

George sold the business. NOTE: This address is lightly different than in the token merchant book. Directories & Census shows 2200.

BALTIMORE F145 obv: FRITZ'S / 🏶 / TAVERN / 2015 E. / FEDERAL / ST.

rev: ★ GOOD FOR ★ / 5 ¢ / IN TRADE

brass 19mm round

Directories of 1936 and 1940 list Frederick J. Gemeinhardt as owner of this establishment.

Frederick Gemeinhardt operated his tavern from 1934 to 1962. Frederick's home and tavern were in the same building.

Before starting this bar he had a restaurant in 1929 at 1544 N. Gay St. Later 2015 E. Federal St. became the Club Federal and was auctioned off in 1969.

#### MARYLAND MERCHANT TOKENS - MD TAMS - DAVID E. SCHENKMAN 1986

BALTIMORE S170 obv: FRANK SEVAK / 2032 / E. EAGER / - ST. - / BALTO., MD.

rev: 1 (within circle of rays) round brass 22 mm

The tavern of Frank Sevak was located at 2032 E. Eager St. Frank was the proprietor from 1905 to 1909. His name is

incorrect on the token. It should read SEVICK.



# ED'S PLACE

by Jane Sears LM12



obverse reverse

obv: ED'S PLACE /1701/HANOVER/ST.

rev: GOOD FOR / ¢ 5 ¢ / IN TRADE

round aluminum 20mm UNLISTED

thanks Ed & Rich

Edward Luther Koehlein operated a restaurant at 1701 Hanover St. from 1926 to 1936 and then his wife Helen A. took over the tavern until 1942.

TAVERN—All licenses, stock, 6-day Beer, Wine & Liquor License, house with 9 rms., 3 baths, oil heat, 1st, fl. has bar, kitchen & large rm, suitable dining rm, So. 1183, 1701 Hanover st.

04 Jul 1942

Reference:

Baltimore City directories and newspaper

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